matter. Leakages have been there during many periods. No action has been taken.

SMT. MARGARET ALVA: I am answering the honourable Member. The honourable Member has said that it is not only during the last Government but during the previous Government also the same thing happened. All I have said is I am not responsible for what happened during those Governments. Let me only add, I agree with you.....

SHRI M S. GURUPADASWAMY: *She is indulging in insinuations. I* me only add, I agree with you...

SMT. MARGARET ALVA: I am only answering repeating what the honourable Member said. I am only saying this that the matter is pending in the Allahabad High Court and I can assure the Member that we will go by the decision of the High Court. It is pending in the court.

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: You have not answered my earlier question. I am not concerned with whose Government it was. Government is a continuous process. यह मुझे मालूम नहीं है कि आपकी थी या नहीं थी। मेरा कहना यह है कि 1989-90 में भी लीकेज हुआ और जैसा कि विरोधी दल के नेता ने कहा है उससे पहले भी ऐसा होता रहा है। तो इसकी रोकथाम के लिये सरकार ने कोई कदम उठाया या नहीं या यू.पी. एस.सी. से कहा कि इसके बारे में आपको कुछ करना चाहिये? मैं विरोधी दल के नेता से सहमत हूं कि यह इस बार ही नहीं हुआ, बल्कि ऐसा बहुत पहले से होता आ रहा है।

So what have you done? I am not concerned as to whose Government it was.

SMT. MARGARET ALVA: The 1990 examinations are pending in the court. Students have gone to the court. We are awaiting the final decision of the court.

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Did you know that there were leakages earlier, and, if so, what steps taken by the then Government?

SMT. MARGARET ALVA: I would ask: Why the previous Government did not take action when there was a laakage, why are you asking me today?

Show-cause notice to Pepsi

*83. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Financial Express dated 1st May, 1991, under the caption "Pepsi served show-cause notice";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a show cause notice has been issued to Pepsi, as Pepsi has crossed its soft drink concentrate production limit of 25 per cent, as per the foreign collaboration/Industrial license conditon;

(c) if so, whether Government have stopped production in Pepsi's soft drink concentrate plant; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not taking action against Pepsi for violations of conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Acocrding to the conditions stipulated in the Letter of Intent/Foreign Collaboration Approval, the turn-over from soft drink concentrate manufactured by the company shall in no year exceed 25 per cent of the toal turn-over of the

company for that year. However, from the information furnished by the company, there appears to be a *prima-facie* case of violation of this conditon. The apropriate action has been initiated by the Government in this regard.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: When Pepsi was introduced in the Indian market we had expressed our objections from this side and now the apprehensions which we had expressed have come true. Pepsi has failed on all fronts and they have failed to fulfil all their commitments made to the Government while entering into the collaboration agreement. But Sir. since the time is very short, I am going to put my supplementary in brief. A charge-sheet was given and a show-cause notice was served on the Company on the 15th of April. Three months have since elapsed. My first supplementary is why the Government is delaying taking action against this particular concern when it has already come to the conclusion that they have failed to fulfil all the commitments.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: A letter of intent was given to the Company. There were some terms and conditons laid down in the letter of intent. They have not fulfilled their commitments in respect of some of conditions that were in the letter of intent. Sir, we had deputed a group of officers which went in detail into the issues and on the basis of their findings we have initiated action against the Company. The action taken on finding No 1 is that a show cause notice has already been issued and a reply has been received. We have referred to the Ministry of Law for their opinion on the points which the Company has raised and the findings of the group of officers With regard to the other obligation that have not been fulfilled by the Company. if the hon. Member wants to know what action is being taken, I am prepared to reply.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: In the meantime, this multinational company is threatening the Government. This has appeared in the newspapers. They have chalenged the Government authority to initiate action against them. On the other hand, they are trying to get rid of their commitments or the conditionalities stipulated in the letter of intent. They have already applied for relaxing the conditionalities incorporated in the letter of intent. So, I want to know whether the Government would assure this House that they are not going to relax the conditionalities which were initially decided in the letter of intent and also in the collaboration scheme.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: The Government, let me inform you, can make the Company fulfil its commitments They have applied for relaxation and we will stick to whatever we had said in the initial stages.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I want to know whether the Minister will give an assurance in this regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that he will stick only to whtaever had been said earlier.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: My inside information is that the Government is going to relax the terms and conditions... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: You know more than the Minister? ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Sir, whatever is given in the letter of intent, we will stick to it... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that he is going to stick to the letter of intent. Now, the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rubber Industry

*84. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: